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For: **A REVERSIBLE STOICHIOMETRIC PROCESS FOR CONJUGATING BIOMOLECULES**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f)
and 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

A REVERSIBLE STOICHIOMETRIC PROCESS FOR CONJUGATING BIOMOLECULES

described in

- (X) the specification filed herewith
() application Serial No. _____, filed _____
() Patent No. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 C.F.R. §1.27).

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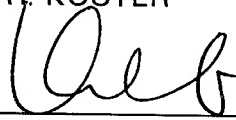
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF INVENTOR:

HUBERT KÖSTER

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR:



DATE:

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A REVERSIBLE STOICHIOMETRIC PROCESS FOR CONJUGATING BIOMOLECULES

the specification of which

- () is attached hereto.
 () was filed by an authorized person on my behalf on _____ as Application Serial No. ____
 (X) was filed as PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US98/02007 on February 4, 1998, and was amended in a Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and so identified, or §365(a) of any PCT international application that designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and we have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application on this invention filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed (Yes or No)</u>
N/A			

We hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
60/037,165	February 4, 1997

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby appoint the following attorneys and agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to Stephanie Seidman, HELLER EHRMAN WHITE AND McAULIFFE, 4250 Executive Square, Suite 700, La Jolla, California 92037:

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